

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for preparation of an RF device for distribution, comprising:
providing an ID label for use in delivery of each RF device;
receiving an identification code emitted from the RF device;
reading the ID label; and
comparing information associated with the identification code with information associated with the ID label.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1] 26, wherein the ID label is a mailing label.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1] 26, further comprising:
verifying that the identification code emitted from the RF device corresponds to an address that matches a delivery address on the ID label.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1] 26, further comprising:
inserting each of the RF devices into an envelope for mailing; and
applying the ID label to the envelope.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1] 26, further comprising:
incorporating each of the RF devices into a structure ~~of a standard size~~ having the size of standard presentation instrument.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of incorporating comprises heat shrink wrapping each of the RF devices.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of incorporating comprises affixing each RF device to a backboard of ~~standard-size~~ **having the size of a financial card.**

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the preparation for distribution is preparation for mailing to a recipient, wherein the RF device is packaged for mail delivery prior to providing an ID label, wherein the ID label is a mailing label with the name and address of the recipient, and wherein the mailing address is read after applied to the package.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the mailing label further includes a bar code.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein a database is accessed in response to at least one of the steps of receiving the identification code from the RF device and reading the bar code on the mailing label, and wherein the correct address for delivery of the RF device is verified by comparing the information associated with the identification code with the information associated with the bar code.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1] 26, wherein the compared information is account holder address information.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim [1] 26, wherein the compared information is account holder name information.

15. (Original) A system for preparing an RF device for delivery to the holder of an account associated with the RF device, comprising:

- a labeler for preparing a mailing label for use in delivering the RF device;
- an RF reader for reading an identification code emitted by the RF device;
- a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label; and

a processor for accessing a database in response to the operation of at least one of the RF reader and the label reader, for retrieving account holder information from the database, and for using the retrieved information to verify the mailing information from the mailing label.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising a packager for packaging the RF device for delivery to the account holder, wherein the RF reader reads the identification code after the RF device is packaged.

17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the labeler applies the mailing label to the package, and wherein the label reader reads mailing information from the mailing label after applied to the package.

18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the identification code read from the RF device is used to retrieve mailing information from the database.

19. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information read from mailing label is used to retrieve RF device information from the database.

20. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises the account holder name.

21. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises the account holder address.

22. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is through a postal service.

23. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is through a courier service.

24. (Original) A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device, wherein the RF device emits an identification code and wherein stored mailing information

intended for use in delivery of the RF device is associated with the identification code, the system comprising:

an RF transceiver for receiving the identification code from the RF device; and
a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label, the label mailing information used for delivery of the RF device, whereby the label mailing information may be compared to the stored mailing information.

25. (Original) A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device, wherein the mailing label has mailing information thereon to be used for delivery of the RF device, wherein the RF device emits an identification code, and wherein the system has stored mailing information associated with the identification code and intended to be used for delivery of the RF device, the system comprising:

means for reading the identification code from the RF device; and
means for reading mailing information from the mailing label, whereby the label mailing information may be compared to the stored mailing information.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the ID label comprises printed delivery information used in order to deliver the RF device to a recipient.